

## Howard County's Local Children's Board

### Meeting Minutes

1/19/21

#### Attendees

√	Dawn Duignan, Community	√	Charmayne Anderson, Community		Sharon Afework, Office of Child Care
√	Francine Trout, Office of Workforce Development	√	Jackie Scott, DCRS	√	Lisa Myers, HCPD
	Fayth Bowie, Youth	√	Mike Mitchell, FIRN	√	Co-Tu Doan, Youth
√	Erica Byrne, Voices for Children		Rich Gibson, States Attorney	√	Melissa Rosenberg, Autism Society
√	Kelly Cimino, DHCD		Tonya Aikens, Library		Maura Rossman, Health Department
√	Bitia Dayhoff, CAC		Michael Martirano, HCPSS	√	Wendell McKay, Community
√	Tim Madden, DJS	√	Stephen Liggett-Creel, DSS	√	Lanlan Xu, Community
√	Raul Delorme, DRP	√	Adelina Yoon, Youth		

*Staff: Candace Ball, Sucora Best, Marsha Dawson, Kim Eisenreich, Triston Cooper, Jasmine Wigginton, Erin Bonzon, OCF; Kamree Hall (Intern), Kaya Swann OCF; Lisa Rhodes, OCF; Carly Lunn, OCF*

*Public Attendees: James LeMon, HCPSS; Shereima Smith, GC; Andy Masters, GC; Lisa; Colleen Nester, HD; Donna Sturdivant, GC; Michael Allen, Therapeutic Connections; Andrew James, Columbia Baptist Fellowship; Arlette Mayi; Dana Carr, LTYC; Denise Boston, Human Rights; Jermira Sarratt, OWD; James Zoller, Sustainability Office; Seema Agarwal-Harding, GC; Lindsey Weekley, Center for Children*

**Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.**

#### **Roll Call**

Fayth Bowie, Tonya Aikens, Maura Rossman, Rich Gibson, Sharon Afework - Excused

#### **Consent Agenda – Motion made by Erica; Seconded by Mike**

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#### **LCB Office Overview**

- Kim provided an in-depth overview of the Office of the Local Children's Board

#### **Program Presentations**

- Roving Radish – James Zoller
  - Partnered with DCRS, LCB and Office on Aging and Independence to provide meal kits & delivery
  - Increase in sales-up 49% from 2019
  - COVID response-60 families served, 6,000 meal kits and 4,000 essential boxes distributed
- HoCo Scholars – Dana Carr
  - Served 60 students last summer, served over 100 students fall semester
  - Over 45 hours of instruction in social/emotional development, social justice, and college & career readiness
  - Over 90 students tested on social/emotional competencies
- Building Youth Resiliency – Lindsey Weekley

- Care coordination-ages 4-18 are able to access services. connects families to resources, reinforces therapeutic treatment, and coordinating care
- Successes-able to assist the uninsured, increased referrals, collaboration with school system, customized goods and services
- Challenge-access to bilingual behavior providers
- 37 families served, 23 currently active, 96% receiving mental health services, 342 session (clinical & psychiatric), 96% report satisfaction and show improved behavior
- Therapeutic Connections/PRP – Michael Allen
  - Successes-clients positively engaged, increase in program participation through telehealth visits, no patient hospitalizations
  - 100% virtual services, check in with clients regarding community- based assistance (food, gas & electric, access to electronic devices)
  - Two clients secured employment, two clients able to access Medicaid
  - Accreditation from CARF
- Workforce Readiness Youth Employment – Jermira Sarratt
  - Summer Youth Program-19 LCB youth participated (total of 55), focus on workforce preparation, life skills workshops, conflict mediation, suicide prevention, healthy relationships, resume writing & interview skills
  - Fall Youth Program-15 youth participating (10 out of school, 5 in school), work experience-Multiservice Center, Roving Radish, Workforce Development, and several pending
  - Successes-ability to stay connected, 75% of youth have a disability, youth are Howard County Government employees, network with County Executive and other county leaders

**NOFA Discussion and Vote – Motion made by Melissa; Seconded by Wendell**

- Kim reviewed two options for NOFA funding; one being with the current cuts and then a plan b if the 10% cut is reinstated.

**Announcements – None**

**Adjourned at 11:15 a.m.**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 16, 2021**